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Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-388 (canceled)

Claim 389 (currently amended): An adjustable pedestal comprising:

a base;

a plurality of upwardly extending telescoping columns, wherein each telescoping column comprises an upper section, and a lower section supported by said base; wherein each upper section can move away from or toward each respective lower section;

a support mechanism supported by at least two said upper sections comprising said telescoping columns comprising said plurality;

a component comprising an undersurface; wherein said component is supported by said support mechanism;

at least one slide surface disposed approximately parallel said undersurface;

wherein said support mechanism comprises at least three support assemblies comprising at least two pivoting support mechanisms, each comprising a pivot, wherein at least one pivot comprises a ball, and at least one sliding support mechanism comprising one slider surface and one said slide surface engaged with each other for lateral movement one to the other in a direction approximately orthogonal to the upward length of at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality; wherein at least one of said engaged slider and slide surfaces can move approximately parallel said undersurface; wherein one of said engaged slider and slide surfaces supports the other from downward force; wherein one of said component and at least one of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality can slide relative to the other, wherein said support mechanism pivotally engages said component with at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality, and slideably engages said component with at least one of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality.

Claim 390 (previously presented): The adjustable pedestal of claim 389, wherein said support mechanism comprises at least four support assemblies comprising at least said two pivoting support mechanisms, and at least two sliding support mechanisms, each

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comprising one slider surface and one said slide surface engaged with each other for lateral movement one to the other in a direction approximately orthogonal to, and in line with, at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality; wherein at least one of said engaged slider and slide surfaces comprising each sliding support mechanism can move approximately parallel said undersurface; wherein one of said engaged slider and slide surfaces comprising each sliding support mechanism supports the other from downward force; wherein one of said component and at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality can slide relative to the other; wherein said support mechanism pivotally engages said component with at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality, and slideably engages said component with at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality.

Claim 391 (previously presented): An adjustable pedestal comprising:

a base;

a plurality of upwardly extending telescoping columns, wherein each telescoping column comprises an upper section, and a lower section supported by said base; wherein each upper section can move away from or toward each respective lower section;

a support mechanism supported by at least two said upper sections comprising said telescoping columns comprising said plurality;

a component comprising an undersurface; wherein said component is supported by said support mechanism;

at least one slide surface disposed approximately parallel said undersurface;

wherein said support mechanism comprises at least four support assemblies comprising at least two pivoting support mechanisms, each comprising a pivot; at least two sliding support mechanisms, each comprising one slider surface and one said slide surface engaged with each other for lateral movement one to the other in a direction approximately orthogonal to the upward length, and in line with, at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality; wherein at least one of said engaged slider and slide surfaces comprising each sliding support mechanism can move approximately parallel said undersurface; wherein one of said engaged slider and slide surfaces comprising each sliding support mechanism supports the other from downward force;

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wherein one of said component and at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality can slide relative to the other, wherein said support mechanism pivotally engages said component with at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality, and slideably engages said component with at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality.

Claim 392 (previously presented): An adjustable pedestal comprising:

a base;

a plurality of upwardly extending telescoping columns, wherein each telescoping column comprises an upper section, and a lower section supported by said base; wherein each upper section can move away from or toward each respective lower section;

a support mechanism supported by, and vertically above, at least two said upper sections comprising said telescoping columns comprising said plurality;

a component comprising an undersurface; wherein said component is supported by said support mechanism;

at least one slide surface disposed approximately parallel said undersurface;

wherein said support mechanism comprises at least four support assemblies comprising at least two pivoting support mechanisms, each comprising a pivot; at least two sliding support mechanisms, each comprising one slider surface and one said slide surface engaged with each other for lateral movement one to the other in a direction approximately orthogonal to the upward length, and in line with, at least two of said plurality of upwardly extending telescoping columns; wherein at least one of said engaged slider and slide surfaces comprising each sliding support mechanism can move approximately parallel said undersurface; wherein one of said engaged slider and slide surfaces comprising each sliding support mechanism supports the other from downward force; wherein one of said component and at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality can slide relative to the other; wherein said support mechanism pivotally engages said component with at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality, and slideably engages said component with at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality.

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Claim 393 (previously presented): An adjustable pedestal comprising:

a base;

a plurality of upwardly extending telescoping columns, wherein each telescoping column comprises an upper section, and a lower section supported by said base; wherein each upper section can move away from or toward each respective lower section;

a support mechanism supported by at least two said upper sections comprising said telescoping columns comprising said plurality;

a component comprising an undersurface; wherein said component is supported by said support mechanism;

at least one slide surface disposed approximately parallel said undersurface;

wherein said support mechanism comprises at least four support assemblies comprising at least two pivoting support mechanisms, each comprising a pivot; at least two sliding support mechanisms, each comprising one slider surface and one said slide surface engaged with each other for lateral movement one to the other in a direction approximately orthogonal to the upward length, and in line with, at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality; wherein at least one of said engaged slider and slide surfaces comprising each sliding support mechanism can move approximately parallel said undersurface; wherein the entirety of each slider surface does not contact another slider surface; wherein one of said engaged slider and slide surfaces comprising each sliding support mechanism supports the other from downward force; wherein one of said component and at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality can slide relative to the other; wherein said support mechanism pivotally engages said component with at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality, and slideably engages said component with at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality.

Claim 394 (previously presented): An adjustable pedestal comprising:

a base;

a plurality of upwardly extending telescoping columns, wherein each telescoping column comprises an upper section, and a lower section supported by said base; wherein each upper section can move away from or toward each respective lower section;

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a support mechanism supported by at least two said upper sections comprising said telescoping columns comprising said plurality;

a component comprising an undersurface; wherein said component is supported by said support mechanism; wherein said component is disposed away from at least two said upper sections comprising said plurality of said telescoping columns and at no time during any adjustments contacts any of said upper sections comprising said telescoping columns comprising said plurality;

at least one slide surface disposed approximately parallel said undersurface;

wherein said support mechanism comprises at least four support assemblies comprising at least two pivoting support mechanisms, each comprising a pivot; at least two sliding support mechanisms, each comprising one slider surface and one said slide surface engaged with each other for lateral movement one to the other in a direction approximately orthogonal to the upward length, and in line with, at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality; wherein at least one of said engaged slider and slide surfaces comprising each sliding support mechanism can move approximately parallel said undersurface; wherein one of said engaged slider and slide surfaces comprising each sliding support mechanism supports the other from downward force; wherein one of said component and at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality can slide relative to the other; wherein said support mechanism pivotally engages said component with at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality, and slideably engages said component with at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality.

Claim 395 (previously presented): An adjustable pedestal comprising:

a base;

a plurality of upwardly extending telescoping columns, wherein each telescoping column comprises an upper section, and a lower section supported by said base; wherein each upper section can move away from or toward each respective lower section;

a support mechanism supported by at least two said upper sections comprising said telescoping columns comprising said plurality;

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a component comprising an undersurface; wherein said component is supported by said support mechanism; wherein said component is disposed away from at least two said upper sections comprising said plurality of said telescoping columns and at no time during any adjustments contacts any of said upper sections comprising said telescoping columns comprising said plurality;

at least one slide surface disposed approximately parallel said undersurface;

wherein said support mechanism comprises at least four support assemblies comprising at least two pivoting support mechanisms, each comprising a pivot; at least two sliding support mechanisms, each comprising one slider surface and one said slide surface engaged with each other for lateral movement one to the other in a direction approximately orthogonal to the upward length, and in line with, at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality; wherein at least one of said engaged slider and slide surfaces comprising each sliding support mechanism can move approximately parallel said undersurface; wherein the entirety of each slider surface does not contact another slider surface; wherein one of said engaged slider and slide surfaces comprising each sliding support mechanism supports the other from downward force; wherein one of said component and at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality can slide relative to the other; wherein said support mechanism pivotally engages said component with at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality, and slidably engages said component with at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality.

Claim 396 (previously presented): An adjustable pedestal comprising:

a base;

a plurality of upwardly extending telescoping columns, wherein each telescoping column comprises an upper section, and a lower section supported by said base; wherein each upper section can move away from or toward each respective lower section;

a support mechanism supported by, and disposed vertically above, at least two said upper sections comprising said telescoping columns comprising said plurality;

a component comprising an undersurface and a periphery; wherein said component is supported by said support mechanism; wherein said component is disposed

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away from at least two said upper sections comprising said plurality of said telescoping columns and at no time during any adjustments contacts any of said upper sections comprising said telescoping columns comprising said plurality; and wherein at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality are disposed within said periphery;

at least one slide surface disposed approximately parallel said undersurface;

wherein said support mechanism comprises at least four support assemblies comprising at least two pivoting support mechanisms, each comprising a pivot; at least two sliding support mechanisms, each comprising one slider surface and one said slide surface engaged with each other for lateral movement one to the other in a direction approximately orthogonal to the upward length, and in line with, at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality; wherein at least one of said engaged slider and slide surfaces comprising each sliding support mechanism can move approximately parallel said undersurface; wherein the entirety of each slider surface does not contact another slider surface; wherein one of said engaged slider and slide surfaces comprising each sliding support mechanism supports the other from downward force; wherein one of said component and at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality can slide relative to the other; wherein said support mechanism pivotally engages said component with at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality, and slideably engages said component with at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality.

Claim 397 (previously presented): The adjustable pedestal of claim 391, wherein said component comprises a periphery; wherein at least two of said telescoping columns comprising said plurality are disposed within said periphery.

Claim 398 (previously presented): The adjustable pedestal of claim 391, wherein said support mechanism is disposed vertically above at least two said upper sections comprising said telescoping columns comprising said plurality.

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Claim 399 (previously presented): The adjustable pedestal of claim 391, comprising said support mechanism; wherein the entirety of each slider surface does not contact another slider surface.

Claim 400 (new): The adjustable pedestal of claim 390, wherein each of at least two slider surfaces comprising said at least two sliding support mechanisms can move significantly toward and away from the other.

Claim 401 (new): The adjustable pedestal of claim 391, wherein each of at least two slider surfaces comprising said at least two sliding support mechanisms can move significantly toward and away from the other.

Claim 402 (new): The adjustable pedestal of claim 392, wherein each of at least two slider surfaces comprising said at least two sliding support mechanisms can move significantly toward and away from the other.

Claim 403 (new): The adjustable pedestal of claim 393, wherein each of at least two slider surfaces comprising said at least two sliding support mechanisms can move significantly toward and away from the other.

Claim 404 (new): The adjustable pedestal of claim 394, wherein each of at least two slider surfaces comprising said at least two sliding support mechanisms can move significantly toward and away from the other.

Claim 405 (new): The adjustable pedestal of claim 395, wherein each of at least two slider surfaces comprising said at least two sliding support mechanisms can move significantly toward and away from the other.

Claim 406 (new): The adjustable pedestal of claim 396, wherein each of at least two slider surfaces comprising said at least two sliding support mechanisms can move significantly toward and away from the other.

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Claim 407 (new): The adjustable pedestal of claim 389, wherein said undersurface comprises at least one of said at least one said slide surface.

Claim 408 (new): The adjustable pedestal of claim 391, wherein said undersurface comprises at least one of said at least one said slide surface.

Claim 409 (new): The adjustable pedestal of claim 392, wherein said undersurface comprises at least one of said at least one said slide surface.

Claim 410 (new): The adjustable pedestal of claim 393, wherein said undersurface comprises at least one of said at least one said slide surface.

Claim 411 (new): The adjustable pedestal of claim 394, wherein said undersurface comprises at least one of said at least one said slide surface.

Claim 412 (new): The adjustable pedestal of claim 395, wherein said undersurface comprises at least one of said at least one said slide surface.

Claim 413 (new): The adjustable pedestal of claim 396, wherein said undersurface comprises at least one of said at least one said slide surface.

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